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JUDGE'S WIFE.BEATING A NATIVE CHILD
WITH AN ASH STICK.

Mrs. Mary Willoughby Osborne, wife of Mr. Algernon Willoughby Osborne, the Chief Justice of Southern Nigeria, was convicted at St. Albans Petty Sessions on Saturday (Oct. 10) of assaulting a 13-year-old black girl with an ash stick and ordered to pay the costs.

The Earl of Verulam, chairman, explained that, in view of the serious nature of the provocation received, justice would be met by payment of the costs.

The case created tremendous excitement in St. Albans, and the court was crowded, when Mr. A. Clark (for the N.S.P.C.C.) rose to open the case.

A TALL, HANDSOME WOMAN.

Mrs. Osborne, who is a tall, handsome woman, sat behind her counsel. She was fashionably dressed in a tailor-made costume of brown serge with red collar and cuffs, and a large black hat trimmed with black feathers.

Mr. and Mrs. Osborne have for the last 18 months rented the Bungalow, Brickett Wood, and they returned from a visit to the Gold Coast in July, bringing with them two native girls. In March last they had left at the Bungalow two more black girls.

Mr. Clark said there were no other female servants at the Bungalow. The names and ages of the girls were:

Granny, 7.
Garibah, 12.
Gambia, 13.
Mary, 17.

On 4 Sept. Alfred Stevens, cowman to Major-Gen. Bigg, standing at the back door of his house (about 50 yards from the Bungalow) heard Mrs. Osborne speaking in an angry tone. This was followed by a child's screams, and, going nearer the Bungalow, he saw a black child lying on the stones at the back door. Mrs. Osborne had her foot on the child's back, whilst the eldest of the black servants, Mary, was flogging the child on the bare flesh with a thick ash stick.

The stick, a stout walking stick, was produced in court.

USED THE STICK AGAIN.

Continuing, Mr. Clark said Mrs. Osborne then took the stick from Mary and brought it down very heavily several times on the child's naked body. When Stevens shouted and said he would report the master if she did not stop, Mrs. Osborne told him to mind his own business. The girl was then dragged in to the house by Mary and Mrs. Osborne, who continued the flogging in the "green room."

Inspector Miles Thompson, N.S.P.C.C., visited the Bungalow next day, and saw Mr. and Mrs. Osborne. The four-black-girls were brought into the drawing-room, and then, at the request of the inspector, three of them were sent out again, leaving Gambia, who said:

"I was beaten yesterday by my mistress and Mary. It was outside the Bungalow, on the back doorstep, with a walking stick. I was beaten by Mary with the stick upon my bare flesh, and my mistress also beat me upon my back with a stick, and also stepped on my back. I mean my mistress stood on me whilst Mary hit me. She stood between my shoulders. My mistress beat me outside the house and also in the "green room." I heard a man shout 'Hi! Hi!'

THE BEATING DESCRIBED.

Mary, said Mr. Clark, was then brought into the room, and she said:

"I told my mistress yesterday I would rather have Garibah than Gambia to work for me. Gambia was digging potatoes in the garden. My mistress told me to get a stick. When I got the stick my mistress put her foot on Gambia's back and I beat her with the stick. I hit her four times. My mistress hit Gambia with the stick across the back."

Gambia was then told to fetch the stick with which she was beaten, and brought an ash walking-stick. "Is that the stick?" said the inspector to Mrs. Osborne. "Yes, that is the stick," replied the lady. "I will flog them every minute, every hour, and every day if they do not obey me."

Mrs. Osborne here remarked audibly to her counsel: "Oh, that is not true."

Mr. Clark said Inspector Thompson told Mrs. Osborne that such punishment could not be allowed in this country, and the lady replied that she would please herself.

THE CHILD WAS PUNISHED.

Mr. Humphreys, on behalf of Mrs. Osborne, said he should not deny that the child was punished with the stick, but it was a totally different whipping to that described by Mr. Clark.

Alfred Stevens then told his story. In cross-examination he admitted that he held strong views on the manner in which Mrs. Osborne treated the children, and he had written to Mr. Osborne a letter in which he said he had "seen nothing in the girls to deserve flogging."

Did you think Mrs. Osborne was not giving them enough to eat? — I did think so.

Inspector Miles Thompson gave evidence, and was pressed by Mr. Humphreys as to whether he was certain Mrs. Osborne said she would beat the children every hour and every minute. Witness said he was quite certain. Mrs. Osborne did tell him "Gambia was a most immoral girl, and was beaten because she told the coachman that she (Mrs. Osborne) was an immoral woman." Mr. Osborne told him that the children had been rescued from slavery, and that he had charge of them till they were 21.

GIRL'S FURTHER STATEMENT.

Reading from his notes taken at the time, witness said that Gambia, in addition to the statement read by Mr. Clark, said:

"I told the coachman that some time ago my mistress had done wrong with other gentlemen. I have been beaten with a horse-whip. I have been hungry once, and I want to Mr. Stevens and she gave me some food."

"My mistress burnt my Bible after my name was written on it. My mistress beat me."

with a whip because she accused me of stealing a diamond ring. I did not deserve all the whippings I got. I have seen Garibah beaten with a native whip and also with a stick."

Inspector Thompson said that Mary said to him, "Gambia is not a good girl. I have never seen my mistress do anything wrong with gentlemen."

The girls Gambia and Mary went into the witness-box and gave evidence in good English. They were picturesquely attired in white frocks with white head dresses and white gloves. Gambia said she was employed as kitchen maid, and Mary said she was house-maid.

Mr. G. E. Humpreys said that Mr. Osborne had rescued the children from slavery.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1908.

THE EMPEROR HST.—

Behind the telegram which we are enabled to publish to-day regarding the prostration of the Emperor of China (and the exceptional circumstances surrounding that event seem to indicate that His Majesty has passed to another bourn) momentous events must assuredly lie. For years His Majesty has been under tutelage to the aged Dowager-Empress, who cannot last for ever, and whose dominating personality has maintained the integrity of the Middle Kingdom, and for years Emperor Kwang Hsu has been nothing more or less than a figurehead in the Government of his realm. But on His Majesty's actions in the political intrigues of Peking

moved, has depended the future of the Empire which was, and still is, another "Sick Man." Kwang-Hsu is—because we do not care to use the past tense at present, although the character of the telegram we have received and the authority of the correspondent are unimpeachable—one of the reforming class who would see China regenerated. His very bigotry in this sense, shown particularly in the troubles which preceded the Boxer rebellion, accounted for his practical supercession. And his physical, as well as mental, weakness sent him into what was "really" retirement, however honourable it may have been. It is common knowledge that the reigning monarch of the Celestial Empire has about as much to say in matters of State as we will say, the ordinary reader of these lines. At the same time he is a force, whether acting or actual, to be reckoned with in the future, a potential and poignant force, because none knows exactly what his views, reactionary or reformatory, may lead to. That he is not of the despotic temperament which conquered the great Empire of China may be accepted without argument; that he would, if he could, endeavour to make his country a power is also beyond question. All his life, however, he has been subject to the whims and wayward fancies of the Empress Dowager, and the stronger will has in all cases prevailed. Taking it for granted that unusual events have occurred in the Forbidden City, and that the Emperor has given up the ghost, what are we to expect? It is to be entombed and anarchy; or are we to see the rejuvenation of an Empire which has lasted and strengthened itself through the centuries? We are told that a Regent has been appointed in the person of Prince Chun, or as he is designated General Tsai-Feng, who was a brother of Emperor Kwang-Hsu and that a child of six years is nominated as the present sovereign. Prince Chun, as most people in Hongkong know, is a young man, of charming manners, fine presence, and some ability. But besides these incidental accomplishments, his views and outlook are unknown, although it must be recognised that he has seen more of the world than most of his peers. But, assuming that the Emperor is dead, Prince Chun as Regent is liable to be forced in the land for very many years to come, until, of course, his son the nephew of the Emperor, has reached the age of maturity. Within the next few very important questions will have to be settled one way or the other in China, and it is extremely doubtful whether the Regent will regard them in the light demanded by the exigencies of Western politics. That he will not be the cat's paw of the Dowager—at least to the same extent as Emperor Kwang-Hsu—is practically certain, since he has the advantage of enlightened ideas, health, prospective influence and active power. Exactly what his attitude is with reference to current questions is unknown, because he has shown himself to possess the affability of a Li Hung Chang, the character of a Yuan Shih-kai, and the versatility of a Wu Ting-fang. The strain of a Regency, which is by no means an autocracy nor a mandatory despotism, is, nevertheless, a ruthless scion of previous character, and an unwitting revolutionist where plain, ordinary and, shall we say, democratic views are concerned. Prince Chun, in the ordinary course of nature, may expect to be the ruler of the greatest compact nation in the world—for even the Empress Dowager cannot last for ever—and acting in such a role is of the utmost importance to people far removed from his confines. The nations represented in Hongkong are interested in this imperial affair, for while none is anxious to acquire territory, all are determined that China shall progress, and where there is so much unanimity the inviolability of China remains secured. Events are happening in the Far East which nobody can pretend to estimate, and they are happening in such rapid succession that their importance is apt to be discounted, but China is a future Power which must be reckoned with, and under the rule of a potentate endowed with the qualities of discernment, strength and forcefulness it is impossible to suggest where her empire may end. As we have said, Prince Chun is a young man. This is the day of young men. May he be the godfather of a new China, a reform, advance in all material conditions, and understanding of the value of furthering the public weal shall prevail. As to the son, the Emperor, he must take after his father, and it is to the father that we look.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE English mail of the 17th October was delivered in London on the 13th inst.

THE Industrial Bank of Japan is signing an Anglo-French loan of Yen 25,000,000, for its business in Korea.

This marriage took place on the 8th inst. of the daughter of Prince Arisugawa and the heir of Prince Tokugawa, last of the Shoguns.

Mr. J. H. Kemp will be an assistant superintendent of police in addition to his other duties during the absence on leave of Mr. P. P. J. Webb, whose name will further notice with effect from

JOHN KURKE, a seaman, was fined \$1 this morning for introducing intoxicating liquor (gin) into the Sailor's Home at West Point yesterday.

FOR blowing a whistle in Queen's Road West for no purpose at all, Lam Yeo, a Chinaman with no occupation, was fined \$1 this morning.

THE sir. Taisin Maru (642-tons) owned by an Osaka merchant, sank off the Kuri Islands on Monday, and only twenty-nine out of a crew of 130 were saved.

THREE weeks were given to Tsang I, at the Police Court this morning, for being a rogue and vagabond. Tsang was due to earth at Shau-ki-wan early this morning.

SANDAKAN has been visited by almost slightly severe thunderstorms with torrential rain. The wind has occasionally veered to the N. E. heralding the near approach of the wet monsoon.

A RICE powder named Cheung Wan was charged at the Police Court this morning with wounding and inflicting bodily harm upon one Tam To with a knife yesterday. The case was remanded.

IT is notified that the Health Officer of the Port has adopted the Code flag ("D") at his call flag. Flag M of Commercial Code with a code pennant inferior in a call for "Medical assistance" are urgently required.

COMMENCING from the 1st of December next and except where otherwise specially ordered, Blake Garden will be open from 6 a.m. until dusk from April 1st to September 30th and from 7 a.m. until dusk from October 1st to March 31st.

At the international walking competition at Tientsin on 31st October the first five competitors to finish were German soldiers, the sixth being a French soldier, and the first two military team prizes were won by German teams, a French team being third.

ON Sunday next, Harvest Festival services will be held in St. Peter's Seamen's Church, West Point, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Special sermons will be preached, and offerings will be taken for the Alice Memorial Hospital and the C.M.S. Hospital, Pakhoi.

ON the 27th October last, two clever men—So Chu Soo, a broker, and Cheng Yau Che, a shookeeper—put their heads together to defraud one Au Tex Yip, an accountant, of 3, Morrison Street, of \$720. This morning, the alleged defalcators were arraigned before J. R. Wood and the case was remanded.

HIS Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, R.N., to act as harbour master, marine magistrate, emigration and customs officer, registrar of shipping, superintendent of gunpowder depot, collector of light dues and superintended of imports and exports, during the absence on leave of Com. Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N. (retired), or until further notice, with effect from the 1st instant.

FOR dumping rubbish in the harbour, Yeung Tsoi Shun, master of the steam launch "Kiong Fu," was fined \$5 by Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Assistant Harbour Master, in the Marine Court, this morning. A similar punishment was meted out to Tsang Shing, a boatman, for anchoring his junk within the limits of the Southern Fairway yesterday. Leung Ching, owner of a fishing junk, was fined \$2 for using his junk other than solely for fishing purposes, in default of payment, seven days' imprisonment.

WE are requested to state that entries for the Affinity Competition in connection with the C. I. S. R. A. to be held at King's Park Range on the 16th November should be sent direct to the Hon. Secretary (Mrs. H. W. Bird). Entrance Fee: \$4 per pair, Ladies—95 yards' range; gentlemen—200 yards' range. Rifles and .303 ammunition will be supplied to gentlemen. Members of the Ladies' Rifle Association are provided with the Club Rifles. Open to pairs of ladies and gentlemen—members and non-members.

AT St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, to-morrow, (D.V.) the Holy Communion will be administered after the Evening Service. Morning Prayer and Sermon at 11 a.m., attended (weather permitting) by the Church parade party of F. Company, Middlesex Regiment. Children's Service at 3 p.m. followed (if necessary) by Holy Baptism at 4 p.m. Evening Prayer and Sermon at 6 p.m. The Offerings will be in aid of the Church Maintenance Fund, which is in debt to the Treasurer and has some heavy claims to meet in the near future.

THE Ministry of War has instructed the Vice-roys and Governors of the various provinces to select and send a number of youths to Peking to compete for naval cadetships. From each province four of the best and likeliest youths that have presented themselves at the competitive examinations will be selected and then sent to Japan to study in the naval academy there. After passing through the usual course, both theoretical and practical, the young officers will be given responsible posts in the new navy, the reorganization of which is to begin next year.

THE dinner given by the Royal Asiatic Society to Dr. Sven Hedin at the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, on 5th inst., was of a private nature. Sir Felham Warren, K.C.M.O., was in the chair, and the others present besides the guest of the evening were Mr. D. Landale, Chairman of the Municipal Council; Hon. Chas. Denby, D.S. Consul-General; Lieut.-Colonel Bruce, Mr. F. S. A. Bourne, Mr. R. Bagger, Swedish Consul; Mr. W. E. Levator, Secretary of Municipal Council; Dr. J. Q. Ferguson, Mr. T. W. Kirkpatrick, Mr. W. G. Lay, Dr. S. P. Bawden, Captain Hilton-Jobston, and Rev. W. H. St. John.

"Being a rogue and vagabond" was the charge laid against Lam Wan, a moulder, had to answer in Canton, 12th November.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

CANTON, 12th November.

A despatch has been received by the Vicar from Peking informing him of the dates fixed for the closing and re-opening of the official seals in the yamen during the Chinese New Year vacation. The official seals will be closed on the 19th day of the 11th month this year and will be re-opened on the 19th day of the 1st moon next year for the transaction of business. The Vicar has issued a notification to inform all his subordinates of the dates fixed.

A WILD GOOSE HUNT.

The Kwangchow Brigadier General, who was accompanied by Colonel Lu Chun-ai, left here a few days ago to proceed to the Nambon district, on an expedition to hunt down the robber chief, Luk Lao Ching, who was said to be in hiding there. He returned to Canton yesterday after a fruitless chase.

ROBBERY IN HONAN.

During the last two weeks several cases of robbery have been reported to have taken place in Hoosam, to the Taonai of Constabulary, but given instructions to the Honan police station to increase the number of police in order to give adequate protection to the residents on Honan island.

PADDY CULTIVATION.

Expectant Magistrate, Chan Kut Ching, has been deputed by the Vicar to proceed to Szechuan to study the method of cultivation of paddy and other cereals with the view of introducing the best methods into Kwangtung.

A DEPARTING OFFICIAL.

The ex-Tariff General King Fung, will leave here to-morrow by the gunboat "Lang Seung" for the Boca Tigris, where he will stay a few days until the departure of the C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer "Kwang Tsai" by which he will proceed to Shanghai en route to the Capital.

According to the official custom,

at the Tien-Sia-Wharf to-morrow morning to bid good-bye to the departing official and ask him to convey their respects to their Majesties the Emperor and the Empress Dowager.

AN OPIUM-SMOKING OFFICIAL.

Another opium-smoking official, by name Hui Ling Low, of the Land Tax Bureau of the Namhoi district, has been removed from office by order of the Provincial Treasurer for being still addicted to the drug.

13th November.

VICKROY INDISP. SED.

H. E. Viceroy Chiang Jen Chiu is indisposed to-day and was unable to grant any interviews to his subordinates.

ANTIMONY ORE.

The output of antimony ore of the Chai Lo Ting-mines, in the Kuk-Kong district, during the 9th moon, is 37,920 catties.

ROBBERY GANZ CAPTURED.

A few days ago eleven robbers together with a number of rifles and cartridges were captured by officer Lum Siu Chun in Weichow.

FLOOD RELIEF.

A sum of \$1,500 has been received by the Central Relief Committee from the Chinese trading in Peru towards the flood relief funds.

ASSISTING THE PEASANTY.

Yesterday, a quantity of 5,000 catties of paddy was sent to the Yau Ping district and another quantity of 15,000 catties to Sun Hing and the neighbouring districts for distribution to the peasants to sow during the winter season in the devastated area.

CHEAP RICE.

The distribution of cheap rice to supply the lower classes of the people in Canton was discontinued some months ago, but now, in consideration of the large number of sufferers by the recent disastrous floods, the Central Relief Committee is again of the opinion to revive the cheap sale of rice to assist the unfortunate by importing rice direct to Canton from Wuhu. A petition has been presented to the Viceroy, informing H.E. that at present the flood sufferers are estimated at some 600,000 and, on an average, each of them consumes at least twenty-two catties of rice a month. A sale of cheap rice in the same manner as before, to assist the unfortunate, is now proposed for a period of eight months terminating on the 15th moon next Chinese year and for this purpose a quantity of a million piculs of rice is required.

In the petition the Viceroy was requested to memorise the Imperial Government for sanction to exempt this staple food from import duty on exportation from Wuhu to Canton, and H.E. was also requested to instruct the Shan Hou Chai to issue to the Central Relief Bureau 200 hukao (pounds) each to cover 5,000 piculs.

The Viceroy has promised the Charitable Committee to obtain the Imperial sanction to grant

exemption of hukao dues on rice from Wuhu to Canton to meet the urgent requirements of the flood sufferers.

KILLED BY A RAT.

STRANGE STORY FROM SAMSEN.

A Shantou correspondent sends the "Canton Observer" the following singular story.

On October 27th Nai Pak, who resided at Samson, was bitten by a rat while he was lying asleep. A little later on he was again bitten. Within an hour he was dead. It is supposed that the poison in the rat's tooth caused his death.

While it seems to be pretty well established that rats cause plague, it is, we believe, a novel theory that rats' teeth contain venom. The facts of the case might be worthy of investigation by medical authorities.

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Telegrams.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

PEKING.

PRINCE CHUN APPOINTED REGENT.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po".]

Peking, 14th November,
9 a.m.

Yesterday, an Imperial Decree was issued by the Empress Dowager appointing Prince Chun to be the Regent and his son to be brought up and educated in the Palace.

Later.

Some unusual occurrence has taken place in the Capital.

For some days the Grand Councillors have not been received in audience.

Prince Ching, who was on his way to visit the Imperial Tombs, has been recalled.

Our enterprising Chinese contemporary issued the above telegram to-day.

Prince Chun is a younger brother of Emperor Kwang Hsu; his son, who is therefore a nephew of His Majesty, is a boy only six years of age. Prince Chun is an interesting personality. He was delegated by the Chinese Court to proceed to Germany after the Boxer trouble to tender his Government's apology for the murder of the German Minister in Peking. Prince Chun, who passing through Hongkong, was a guest of the then Governor, Sir Henry A. Blake, and left an interesting souvenir in the Colony in the group photograph taken at Government House.

Prince Ching is an uncle of Emperor Kwang Su. [Ed. H.K.T.]

EMPEROR'S ILLNESS.

NO AUDIENCE GRANTED.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po".]

Peking, 13th November.

On the 12th inst., the Emperor did not occupy the Throne and attend to State affairs.

This fact gave rise to reports that His Majesty was ill.

Information has been gathered from another source that the Empress Dowager is seriously ill also.

THE DALAI LAMA.

AN UNFOUNDED RUMOUR.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po".]

Peking, 13th November.

It was rumoured in Tibet that the Dalai Lama had been murdered in Peking.

The natives became greatly agitated in consequence.

AN EXPENSIVE VISITOR.

BUDDHIST PONIFF URGED TO RETURN TO TIBET.

[By courtesy of the "Sheung Po".]

Peking, 13th November.

The stay of the Dalai Lama, with his followers, in Peking, costs \$5,000 a day.

The Central Government is urging the Buddhist Pontiff's return to Tibet without further delay.

[Reuters.]

The German Reichstag.

London, 12th November.

Herr von Kiderlen Waechter, the acting Foreign Secretary, in his maiden speech, in which he defended the over-worked Foreign Office, was jeered at and shouted down by the Radicals and Socialists, who were not called to order.

Speeches were made, declaring that Imperial superlatives were imperilling the Empire, that the Admiral of the Atlantic must now be styled the Admiral of the Pacific, and denouncing the insane cult of the Kaiser who was allowed to pose as an authority on science, art and religion, claiming special personal relation to the Almighty.

The Kaiser was the recreator of the national unity, but it was a unity of indignation.

Later.

The British Navy.

Mr. Asquith, in the House of Commons, has accepted the definition of the Two-Power Standard as to $\frac{1}{2}$ over the strength of the next two strongest Powers.

It is believed that this foreshadows the building of six more *Dreadnoughts*.

The Annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Bills have been introduced in Vienna and Budapest ratifying the annexation of Bosnia and Herzegovina by Austria-Hungary.

ON THE SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY.

THROUGH COMMUNICATION FROM HARBIN.

secure sleeping-car tickets, which a benevolent-faced man laboriously compiled in triplicate with a lead pencil. The price per berth being five yen, we tendered the amount in Yokohama Specie Bank notes, Newchow currency, after the custom of previous years. Thereupon, with a heavy sigh, but no spoken word, he made an elaborate calculation on the back of an envelope, checking it twice, (oblivious of the clamorous crowd) and said "Two Yen fifty more" from which we drew, vague but unsatisfactory conclusions about bimetalism. Eventually, after securing gold yen (paper) from a money changer concealed in a little wooden box at the other end of the shed, we got those Pullman tickets, but noted with forebodings of evil that they bore no numbers nor otherwise sign intelligible to the European. We tried our Japanese on the benevolent man, while the crowd swayed in its wrath behind; but he only sighed again and belligerently something that sounded like "sakurimatsu". So we left that weary man, and the raging crowd, to their respective fates and proceeded, yet once again, to register our baggage. We had to haul it ourselves to the Receipt of Customs, but the Pullman palaces now shone brightly ahead, and we did it nobly. Three sons of Dal Nippon, with a sphinx-like aplomb, looked at us, looked at those wandering trunks, and then went on with a favourable and hopeful outlook for the immediate future.

At present, the discrimination of Chinese to operate more freely is accounted for by the fact that settlements concluded at the moment become due towards the approach of China New Year—a period when trade becomes temporarily paralysed by the dictates of old custom. Whatever dealers buy now are for immediate requirements only.

No. 201.—A moderate business transpired in selected threads at an advance of \$1 per bale.

No. 162.—No business reported.

No. 122.—Selected threads changed hands at an advance of \$1 to \$2 per bale.

No. 102.—A few selected threads found buyers at an advance of \$1 to \$3 per bale.

No. 82, and 62.—No business reported.

The Market closes firm.

Sales:—1,000 bales of No. 102, 800 bales of No. 122, and 1,500 bales of No. 201, in all about 3,700 bales.

Arrivals.—Per steamers *Japan* and *Catherine Appear*, (from Calcutta), and *Mayori Maru*, *Capt. Oseana* and *Yehoh Maru* (from Bombay), of about 14,500 bales.

Used Stock.—About 7,000 bales.

Uncleared Stock.—About 15,000 bales.

Exchange.—We quote to-day as follows:—

India T. T. at Rs. 129 per cent.

London T. T. at £1.88d. = \$5

Demands " 1.8 11/16d. = \$5

Shanghai " Tls. 75 = \$500

Silver " 23 1/4 per cent.

WEEKLY SHARK REPORT.

Reviewing the shark business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on 13th inst.:—

A small and general business has been transacted since we last wrote, and the principal feature of the week has been the rise in Hongkong and Shanghai Banks.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have improved to \$85, closing with further buyers, after sales at rising rates from \$80.

The London quotation has advanced to £81 10/-.

Marine Insurances.—Canton Insurances are firm and buyers prevail at the improved rate of \$160, Kowloon Chicks are in demand at Tls. 82. There are buyers of Unions at \$78, while Yangtzeins remain unaltered at \$167.

Fire Insurances.—China Fires are wanted at \$80. Hongkong Fires have weakened to \$330, at which rate they are steady.

Shipping.—There sellers of China and Manilas at \$15. Douglasses have buyers at the reduced rate of \$13. Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have been dealt in at \$9. and more can be placed at the rate. Shell transports remain quiet at 45/-.

Refineries.—China Sugars are weaker with sellers at \$15. Lourans are again on offer at \$22 and Perak Sugars at Tls. 92.

Mining.—Chinese Engineering have sellers in the North at Tls. 15. Raubs have been sold at \$6, closing with buyers at \$7.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Kowloon Wharves are easier at \$46 and sellers report £ as low as \$45. Whampoa Docks have declined to \$92 at which price they have been sold. Shanghai Docks are on offer at the reduced rate of Tls. 82 and Hongkong Wharves at Tls. 152.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Hotels have strengthened to \$50, with probable buyers. Humphrey's Estates are in request at \$92. Kowloon Lands have hardened, and there are buyers at \$18. Shanghai Lands are in demand at Tls. 162.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos are slightly firmer with buyers at Tls. 64. Hongkong Cottons are offering at \$10.

Miscellaneous.—Gulls Arsenics can be placed at \$8. China Bonnets had been sold and there are further buyers at \$10. China Provisions are firmer and buyers prevail at \$9. Green Island Cements are in demand at \$10, while Hongkong Electrics have sellers at \$72. In the North Langkangs have experienced a further small rise during the week closing with buyers at Tls. 760, and Sumatras are also higher at Tls. 128.

Exchange.—The Banks selling rate on London is £1 1/2 1/2 on demand. The T/T rate on Shanghai is £1 1/2 1/2 on demand.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T. T. at £1.80/16

Dr. demand at £1.81

1 month's sight at £1.82

France—Bank T. T. at £1.75

America—Bank T. T. at £1.42

Germany—Bank T. T. at £1.75

India T. T. at £1.70

Do. demand at £1.70

Japan—Bank T. T. at £1.72

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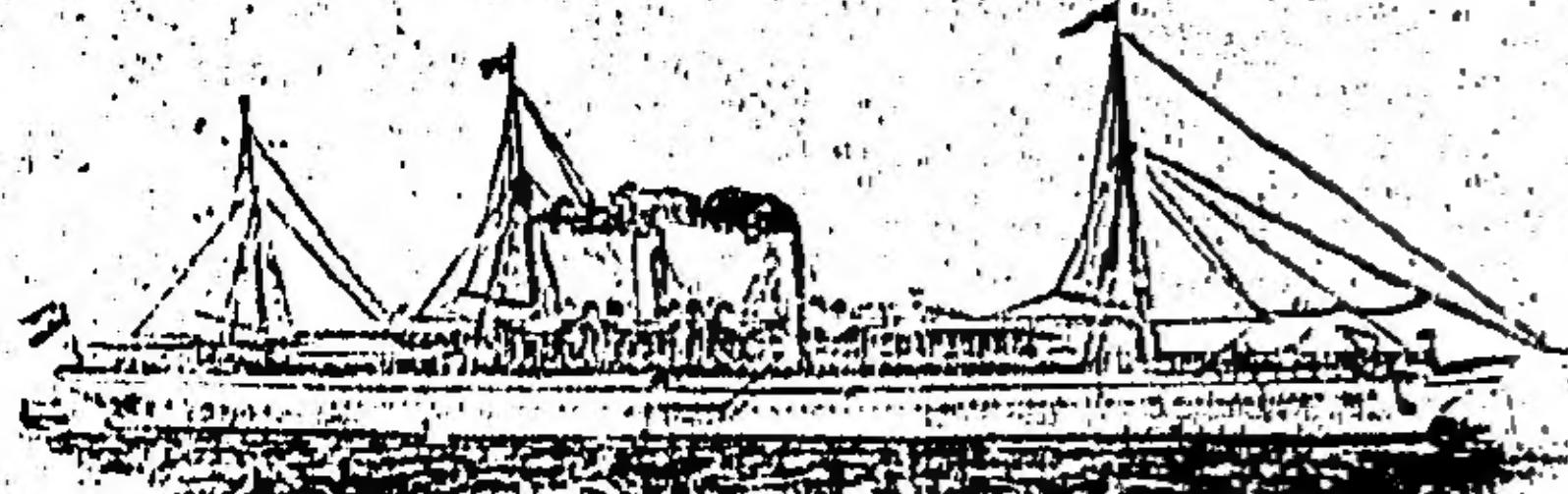
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"MONTEAGLE"	6,163	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9th	Jan. 2nd, 1909
"EMPEROR OF INDIA"	6,000	SATURDAY, Dec. 19th	Jan. 8th
"EMPEROR OF JAPAN"	6,000	SATURDAY, Jan. 16th	Feb. 5th
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SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	NAMSANG	SATURDAY, 21st Nov., Noon.
S'GAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	FOOKSANG	FRIDAY, 27th Nov., 1 P.M.

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TIENTSIN	KUEICHOW	19th "
AMOY & SHANGHAI	NANCHANG	19th "
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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Dates
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA	SATURDAY, 21st Nov., 12 Noon.
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Seawise	4,789	Mathis	Jan. 14

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Captain W. D. A. Thomas, will be despatched
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Hongkong, 13th November, 1908. [986]

Intimations.

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HAVE just received a Fresh Assortment
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Hongkong, 22nd August, 1908. [10-20]

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Hongkong, 20th July, 1908. [11]

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LIMITED.

TIME TABLE

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 A.M. to 9.30 A.M. Every 10 minutes

9.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. Every 15 minutes

11.30 A.M. to 12.45 P.M. Every 15 minutes

12.45 P.M. to 1.45 P.M. Every 10 minutes

1.45 P.M. to 2.45 P.M. Every 15 minutes

2.45 P.M. to 3.45 P.M. Every 10 minutes

3.45 P.M. to 4.45 P.M. Every 15 minutes

4.45 P.M. to 5.45 P.M. Every 10 minutes

5.45 P.M. to 6.45 P.M. Every 10 minutes

6.45 P.M. and 9 P.M. 9.45 P.M. to 11.15 P.M. every half hour.

NIGHT CARS.

8.00 P.M. to 9.00 A.M. Every 15 minutes

9.00 A.M. to 9.30 A.M. Every 30 minutes

9.30 A.M. to 10.30 A.M. Every 15 minutes

10.30 A.M. to 11.00 A.M. Every 10 minutes

11.45 A.M. to 12.00 noon. Every 15 minutes

12.00 NOON to 1.00 P.M. Every 10 minutes

1.00 P.M. to 2.00 P.M. Every 15 minutes

2.00 P.M. to 3.00 P.M. Every 15 minutes

3.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. Every 15 minutes

4.00 P.M. to 5.00 P.M. Every 10 minutes

5.00 P.M. to 6.00 P.M. Every 10 minutes

6.00 P.M. to 7.00 P.M. Every 15 minutes

7.00 P.M. to 8.00 P.M. Every 10 minutes

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra cars at 3.15 P.M., 11.30

NEW YORK'S FINEST BUILDING.

A 1,600,000 POST OFFICE.

The new \$1,600,000 (1,600,000) post office building for New York City is to be erected on Eighth-avenue, on the two blocks from Thirty-first to Thirty-third streets, with the principal front on Eighth-avenue and the facades on the streets extending back a distance of 333 feet. In studying the problem, the aim has been, while keeping in mind the practical uses of the building, to give it the monumental grandeur which a Government structure of such importance should possess. While the design of the exterior has been carefully studied in its relation to the Pennsylvania Terminal Station now in process of erection, the purpose has been to give it a distinctly Government aspect. The question of the proper relation between the two immense structures, which will stand very near each other, has been carefully weighed with respect to style, material, and scale.

The principal facade will consist of a row of Corinthian columns, in pure, white marble, twenty in number, terminated at north and south ends by pavilions containing niches. This colonnade corresponds to the public corridor, which extends the entire length of the facade. The side facades on the street are a continuation of the same architectural motive, pilasters being used instead of columns, also terminated in a pavilion at the west end. Ample access is given to the building by steps on the principal facades and on the street facades. The ground on which the post office will stand will cost the Government \$1,660,340 (\$3,221,108). The architects are the noted firm of McKim, Mead, and White.

SHIPPING AND MAILS

MAIL DUE

Canadian (London) 16th inst.

German (Goeben) 19th inst.

Canadian (Empress of China) 19th inst.

American (America Maru) 21st inst.

American (Siberia) 21st inst.

The S.S. *Zefir* left Manila on 14th inst., and is due here on 16th inst., at 6 p.m.The P.O. & S. Co.'s s.s. *Stella* left Singapore for this port on 13th inst., at 6 p.m.The E. & A. Co.'s s.s. *Aldenham*, from Sydney, &c., left Manila yesterday, at 2 p.m., for this port.The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *Siberia*, with the American Mail, sails from Yokohama on 15th inst., via the usual ports, and will be due in Hongkong on 24th inst.The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Lioness* arrived at Shanghai at noon, on 13th inst., and left again at 9:30 a.m., same day for Hongkong, where she is due to arrive at noon, on 16th inst.The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Empress of China* arrived at Nagasaki at 8 a.m., on 14th inst., and leaves again at 3 p.m., same day, for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 4 a.m., on 16th inst.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 14th at 11:55 a.m. a further slight decrease of pressure has taken place in Luxon, the depression being situated, apparently, over the Archipelago to the South of Iuzon.

The barometer has risen over N.E. Japan and the Bonins, and fallen elsewhere.

A shallow depression appears to be moving Eastward over the N. part of the Sea of Japan and pressure is highest over the Yangtze Valley.

Strong monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and strong N. and N.E. winds to gales over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

FORECAST.

1.—Hongkong and neighbourhood, N. winds, fresh; fine.

2.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau, some No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

Shipping.

Arrivals.

Kwangtung, Ch. s.s., 1,536, Wm. H. Lunt, 13th Nov.—Shanghai 10th Nov., Gen.—C. M. S. N. Co.

Singan, Br. s.s., 1,047, F. Jamieson, 13th Nov.—Haiphong 8th Nov., Pakhoi and Hainan 12th, Rice, Gen. and Live Stock.—B. & S.

Chenow, Br. s.s., 1,350, Wavel, 13th Nov.—Shanghai 10th Nov., Gen.—S. & B.

Tascurro, Br. s.s., 3,916, Hollishead, 13th Nov.—Frisco 10th Oct., and Moji 8th Nov.—Fuel Oil.—S. O. Co.

King Alfred, Br. 1st-class cruiser, 14,100, C. Baker, 14th Nov.—from Miss Bay.

Pakluk, Ger. s.s., 1,018, J. Wenzel, 14th Nov.—Bangkok 3rd Nov., and Hainan 12th, Gea.—B. & S.

Invercylde, Br. s.s., 3,213, W. H. Lee, 14th Nov.—Keeling 15th Nov., Gen.—S. & T. & Co.

Kuangtung, Ch. s.s., 1,222, Brissander, 14th Nov.—Chinkiang 9th Nov., Gen.—Kwong Mao W.

Marie, Ger. s.s., 1,169, P. E. Christiansen, 14th Nov.—Canton 13th Nov., Gen.—J. & Co.

Hupke, Br. s.s., 1,205, G. J. Spink, 14th Nov.—Swatow 13th Nov., Gen.—B. & S.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Cag, for Singapore.

Hainan, for Swatow.

Canton, for Canton.

Arastra Apco, for Singapore.

Zewana, for Charibon.

Maris, for Newchwang.

Korai, for Shanghai.

Invercylde, for Singapore.

Klang Pines, for Canton.

Amigo, for Haiphong.

Haiyan Maru, for Swatow.

Doyo Maru, for Aping.

Departure.

Nov. 14.

Deli, for Europe.

Korea, for San Francisco.

Rubi, for Manila.

Sado Maru, for Kobe.

Future Maru, for Moji.

Dorwint, for Sagon.

Kawaguchi, for Canton.

Cag, for Bombay.

Zewana, for Chinsan.

Parawang, for Haiphong.

Kuangtung, for Haiphong.

Kuangtung, for Aping.

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SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS	NO. OF SHARES	VALUE	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT QUOTATION, BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
				RESERVE	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.		
BANKS.							
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	12,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$4,500,000 \$14,000,000 \$2,000,000 }	\$2,005.774	{ Interim of £2 for first half year @ ex- 1/2 of £2.042 }	54 2 \$85 buyers London £81.10;
National Bank of China, Limited	99,025	£7	£6	{ £4,000 \$150,000 }	£10.223	£5 (London £6, for 1903)	... \$60
MARINE INSURANCES.							
Ganton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$150	\$10	{ \$1,500,000 \$2,327.57 \$2,119.90 }	None	\$14 for 1/2 7	74 \$160 buyers
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	{ £1,500,000 £1,307.77 £1,182.77 }	Tls. 16.512	Final of 7/8 making 1.5 for 1907	6 2 Tls. 87 1 buyers
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	12,000	\$250	\$100	{ £1,500,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$2,506.012	{ Final of \$15 making \$15 for 1906 and Interim of \$50 for 1907 }	51 2 \$785 buyers
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$591.763	\$12 and bonus \$3 for 1906	9 2 \$107 1
FIRE INSURANCES.							
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	9,000	\$100	\$10	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,000,000 }	\$192.432	\$6 and bonus \$2 for 1906	8 2 \$98 buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$1,346.07 \$1,343.02 }	\$48.027	\$27 for 1906	8 2 \$330
SHIPPING.							
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited	30,000	£25	£24	{ £7,000 \$104,618 \$99,607 }	£1.035	£1 for 1907	... \$15 sellers
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	10,000	£50	£50	{ £25,000 \$1,346.07 \$1,343.02 }	Nil	£2 for year ending 30.12.08	74 2 \$31 buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	£15	£15	{ £87,700 \$87,700 \$87,700 }	£17.755	£1 for first half-year ending 30.6.08	74 2 \$39 sellers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	£5	{ £10,000 \$10,000 }	£1.1755	{ £1 for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/2 11/16 = £1.154 }	51 2 \$35 1 \$20
Do. (Deferred)	60,000	£5	£5	{ £24,000 }	£1.1755	£1 for 1907 on Preference shares only @ ex 1/2 11/16 = £1.154 }	51 2 \$35 1 \$20
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 75,000 £72,000 }	Tls. 14.510	Interim of £1.5 for account 1908	71 2 Tls. 45 sellers
"Do." (Preference)	100,000	£5	£5	{ £1,000,000 }	£69.817	Final of £1.5 for account 1907 and 1908	71 2 Tls. 52 buyers
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£5	£5	{ £5,000 \$47,212 }	508	Interim of £1.5 (No. 10) for a/c 1908	6 2 45 2
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	£10	£10	{ £1,000,000 }	508	£1.00 for year ending 30.4.1908	4 2 \$35 1 \$15 buyers
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 140,000 Tls. 60,355 Tls. 10,000 Tls. 1,000,000 }	Tls. 6.869	Final of Tls. 1.5 making Tls. 5 for 1907	11 2 Tls. 45 sellers
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$100,000 }	Dr. \$279.871	£8 for year ending 31.12.06	... \$115 sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$100,000 }	Dr. \$135.231	£3 for 1907	... \$45 sellers
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 4.917	£1.5 for 1907	... Tls. 90 sellers
MINING.							
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	90,000	£1	£1	{ £150,000 }	£11.550	Final of 1/6 (coupon No. 11) for year ending 29.2.08	71 2 Tls. 15 1 sellers
Rob Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited	150,000	£1	£1	{ £12,289 }	Dr. £3,191	Nov. 22 of 1/1 = 48 cents	... \$7 buyers
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.							
Kenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	£15	£15	{ £33,600 }	£3,746	£1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	... \$15
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.	60,000	£10	£10	{ £10,000 £26,866 }	£10.550	Final of £1.5 making £1.5 for 1907	71 2 \$45 sellers
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	£50	£50	{ £40,000 }	£384.87	Interim of £4 for account 1901	8 2 \$92 sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ £10,000 }	Tls. 33.742	Final of Tls. 1.5 making in all Tls. 5 for year ending 30.4.08	61 2 Tls. 80 sellers
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	30,000	Tls. 200	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 607,257 Tls. 75,000 Tls. 135,000 }	Tls. 13.646	Interim of Tls. 1.5 for account 1908	51 2 Tls. 153 1 sellers
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.							
Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd.	25,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 25,000 }	Dr. 6,532	Tls. 6 for 1907	6 2 Tls. 98 buyers
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai)	30,000	£95	£95	{ £10,000 }	Dr. 3,200	£2 for year ending 30.6.07	... \$16 sellers
Central Stores, Limited	50,000	£95	£95	{ £10,000 }	Dr. 10,176	£1.50 for 1906	... \$16 buyers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	£50	£50	{ £10,000 }	£14.639	Interim of £3 for account 1908	8 2 \$100 sellers
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	{ £10,000 }	£36.915	Interim of £3 for account 1908	71 2 \$94 sellers
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	150,000	£10	£10	{ £50,000 }	£4,632	70 cents for 1907	71 2 \$94 buyers
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	6,000	£50	£50	{ £50,000 }	£6.52	£1 for 1907	61 2 \$86 buyers
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 1,523,045 }	Tls. 107.547	Interim of Tls. 1.5 for account 1908	71 2 Tls. 116 1 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	£50	£50	{ £170,000 }	£16.541	Interim of £2 for account 1908	9 2 \$46
COTTON MILLS.							
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd.	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 150,000 }	Tls. 6.807	Tls. 2.5 for year ending 31.10.1907	38 2 Tls. 68 1 buyers
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	125,000	£10	£10	{ £10,000 }	£19.553	50 cents for year ending 31.7.8	44 2 \$102 sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{ Tls. 150,000 }	Tls. 15.519	Tls. 6 for year ended 30.6.06 (8%)	... Tls. 60 sellers
Laon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 6.338	Tls. 8 for 1906	... Tls. 75 sellers
Soy Choo Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	{ Tls. 20,000 }	Tls. 50	Tls. 50 for 1906	... Tls. 240 sales
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	{ £1,500 }	£6.648	110 cents per share for 1907 = £1.037	12 2 \$10 buyers
China-Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	£12	£12	{ £1,500 }	Nil	£1.20 for 1907	12 2 \$10 sales
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	£10	£10	{ £1,500 }	61,138	60 cents for year ended 30.2.06	... \$55 sellers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd.	50,000	£10	£10	{ £1,500 }	13,192	80 cents for 1907	8 2 \$94 buyers
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	£71	£6	{ £10,000 }	£1.30 for year ending 31.7.8	51 2 \$100 buyers	
Green Island Cement Company, Limited	400,000	£10	£10	{ £10,000 }	£1,028	Interim of 40 cents for account 1908	10 2 \$100 buyers
H. Price & Company, Limited	12,000	£10	£10	{ £10,000 }	£1,028	75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07	8 2 \$100 buyers
Hall & Holls, Limited	21,000	£20	£20	{ £10,000 }	£251	£2 for year ending 28.2.08	10 2 \$20
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	60,000	£10	£10	{ £10,000 }	£18,957	£1 and bonus 20 cts for year ending 29.2.08	61 2 \$180 sellers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	£25	£25	{ £10,000 }	£9,321	Interim of £1 for account 1901	8 2 \$130 sellers
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd.	60,000	£10	£10	{ £10,000 }	£4,578	Interim of £1 for account 1908	8 2 \$130 sellers
Matschappi tot Mijn-, Hoch- en Landbouwverkspolitie in Langkawi, Limited	25,000	£100	£100	{ £10,000 }	£8,191	Interim of £1.5 for 2nd and 4th quarter	8 2 \$134
Peak Tramway Company, Limited	25,000	£10	£10	{ £10,000 }	£17,127	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	48 2 Tls. 700 buyers
Peak Tramway Company (new)	50,000	£10	£10	{ £10,000 }	£7,471	80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08	6 2 \$114
Philippine Company, Limited	75,000	£10	£10	{ £10,000 }	Nil	None	... \$34
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 100,000 }	Tls. 6,603	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7 for 1907	61 2 Tls. 119
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	10,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{ Tls. 24,320 }	Tls. 8,493	Final of Tls. 9 making in all Tls. 14 for 1907	11 2 Tls. 128 buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited	15,850	£20	£20	{ £10,000 }	Tls.		